

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY

KNOWN AND MAY BE CITED AS "THE PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY CHARTER."

SECTION 1017. DEFINITIONS AND RULES OF CONSTRUCTION. AS USED IN THIS CHARTER OF THE SCHEDULE OF LEGISLATION ATTACHED HERETO:

(A) THE WORD "BILL" SHALL MEAN ANY MEASURE INTRODUCED IN THE COUNCIL FOR LEGISLATIVE ACTION.

(B) THE WORDS "ACT," "ORDINANCE," "PUBLIC LOCAL LAW," AND "LEGISLATIVE ACT," WHEN USED IN CONNECTION WITH ANY ACTION BY THE COUNCIL, SHALL BE SYNONYMOUS, AND SHALL MEAN ANY BILL ENACTED IN THE MANNER AND FORM PROVIDED IN THIS CHARTER.

(C) THE WORD "RESOLUTION" SHALL MEAN A MEASURE ADOPTED BY THE COUNCIL HAVING THE FORCE AND EFFECT OF LAW BUT OF A TEMPORARY OR ADMINISTRATIVE CHARACTER.

(D) THE WORD "LAW" SHALL BE CONSTRUED AS INCLUDING ALL ACTS, PUBLIC LOCAL LAWS, ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS, AND OTHER LEGISLATIVE ACTS OF THE COUNCIL, ALL ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS OF THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS NOT HEREBY OR HEREAFTER AMENDED OR REPEALED, AND ALL PUBLIC GENERAL LAWS AND PUBLIC LOCAL LAWS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN EFFECT FROM TIME TO TIME AFTER THE ADOPTION OF THIS CHARTER, WHENEVER SUCH CONSTRUCTION WOULD BE REASONABLE.

(E) THE WORDS "ENACT," "ENACTED," OR "ENACTMENT," WHEN USED IN CONNECTION WITH THE LEGISLATIVE ACTS OF THE COUNCIL, SHALL MEAN THE ACTION BY THE COUNCIL IN APPROVING ANY ITEM OF LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS PRIOR TO ITS SUBMISSION TO THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE FOR HIS APPROVAL OR VETO.

(F) THE WORD "STATE" SHALL MEAN THE STATE OF MARYLAND.

(G) THE WORDS "STATE LAW" SHALL MEAN ALL LAWS OR PORTIONS OF LAWS ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND WHICH MAY NOT BE REPEALED BY THE COUNCIL AFTER THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS CHARTER.

(H) THE WORD "SHALL" SHALL BE CONSTRUED AS MANDATORY AND THE WORD "MAY" SHALL BE CONSTRUED AS PERMISSIVE.

(I) THE WORD "PERSON" SHALL INCLUDE THE WORDS